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Gentlemen:

I am Bernie Kayser, 25636 - 421st Avenue, Alexandria SD 57311 - 605-239-4449.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify at this hearing concerning the Keystone Crude Oil pipeline.

My interest in these proceedings stems from concern for our local Hanson Rural Water System. From my experience as a board member locally as well as the Board of the Association Rural Water System of South Dakota, I see things that could indeed cause serious problems for the water industry.

I appreciate your apparent concern for honesty and making the heretofore confidential information available at this late date in relation to these scheduled hearing. With a year to render your decision, I suppose it will not hinder the later hearings. As far as these hearing now are concerned, the information to be available at all local counties arrived here at the Hanson County Courthouse Friday, June 22, just 4 days (over a weekend) ahead of this hearing.

On mentioning this I was informed it is a thousand (1000) page document and certainly would take Keystone time to assemble the 99.999% information you ordered to be made public.

When a copy was received it's about 78 pages including the index and etc. That's an efficient job of condensing such sensitive data on the corporation's part; don't you think? At least it's probably more readable than the cumbersome 1000 pages you were expected to decipher.

I find it interesting that reference to the interaction of rural water (potable) and the hazards to its safety are completely ignored in the documentation.

Yes, water supplies are addressed (wells, streams and lakes, etc) but potable (treated drinking water) that transverse the pipeline route time and time again in the eight (8) rural water systems it crosses is ignored. How can such an important issue go unaddressed in this "in depth" document?

The proposed crude oil pipeline will cross HANSON RURAL WATER SYSTEM thirteen (13) times. The fact that every mile of line laid by rural water systems has a perpetual easement in place has been completely ignored!! Why?

Why in the corporations edited document, you can only find one (1) mention of Rural and Municipal Water Systems. This is on page 49 line 11 of table 7. This only approaches miles crossed and acreage distributed during constructions (two big O's). Did I miss something?

There will be other testimony to the effect petroleum has on plastic pipe most commonly used in the construction of rural systems.

Since we serve some 850 taps, 5 municipalities and 5 Hutterite colonies, we are a relatively small system with 750 miles of pipeline. Rural Water is our key to any development in this area. Protecting the safety of this water is a cardinal concern of all our members whether they realize this fact or not.

Thank you for this opportunity and please look out for South Dakota ~~NOT A~~ Foreign Corporation.

The I-20 Corridor will provide a much better route for safety and response to the inevitable leaks and spills the history of pipelines predict.